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Dear Sun City Resident:

We have some very good news to pass along regarding Fire Station 107 and its staffing! As those who attended the community meetings in Sun City know, the city plans to house **a rescue unit and a fire company at Station 107**. A rescue is a large ambulance also capable of carrying some firefighting equipment. This has been our staffing plan all along. However, budget constraints due to the sagging economy made it difficult for us to move as quickly as we wanted.

Sadly, much of what the Sun City residents heard about Fire Station 107 was misinformation from the firefighters' union. This is unfortunate. Our hope is that this letter will help set the record straight, and separate "fact from fiction."

Public safety is always a top priority for the city of Las Vegas. We were able to secure funding for the station, but weren't sure if there was enough money to fully staff it with both an engine company and rescue unit. We are in the process of finalizing the city's budget for the next fiscal year that begins on July 1, and I'm happy to tell you that we believe we'll have the money to add that rescue unit thanks to our revenues being a bit stronger. That's certainly welcome news to all who have worked on the Fire Station 107 project. We had hoped to tell you this good news at the grand opening, but unfortunately, so much misinformation surfaced recently about the fire station, we were forced to let you know this way.


Please be aware, once the final budget is approved by the City Council, there will be a lag of a few months before the rescue unit arrives. We'll need to train enough new hires to fully staff Fire Station 107 — but a rescue unit is coming. Rest assured that in the meantime, a full engine company will be housed at 107. An engine company is fully capable of responding to a wide range of emergencies, including medical calls. It's comprised of four people with a captain, at least one paramedic, and two emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Of course, all these individuals are also highly-trained firefighters.

We plan to hold the grand opening for Fire Station 107 on June 19 at 10:00 a.m. I hope you are able to join us on this special day. We want to reassure you that a rescue unit will be added with the engine company as soon as we have enough properly trained staff.

We look forward to seeing you in June. Please feel free to contact us should you have additional questions. Thank you for your patience as we work to make your community even safer.

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